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SUBJECT: HAWK FINANCING

REF: AMMAN 0502, JIDDA 0638, STATE 021973

1. SAW PRIME MINISTER RIFAI EVENING JANUARY 29 AND BRIEFED HIM ALONG GENERAL LINES WHICH I HAD DISCUSSED WITH KING BASED ON REFTELS FROM DEPARTMENT AND JIDDA.
2. I TOLD HIM THAT JIDDA HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY SAUDIS AND GIVEN VISIT BY SAUDI MINISTER OF FINANCE MOHAMED ABU AL KHAIR HERE WE DID NOT INTEND TO RAISE MATTER WITH SAUDIS AND PREFERRED TO KEEP CONTACTS IN JORDAN - SAUDI CHANNELS.
3. RIFAI SAID HE APPRECIATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND PAYMENTS FOR 30 MORE DAYS. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TELL SAUDIS THAT JORDAN HAD ASKED US FOR EXTENSION BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DEFINITE WORD AND PREFERRED TO HAVE DOWNPAYMENT MADE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO END PROBLEM. I SAID THAT WOULD HOPEFULLY DO THE TRICK.
4. FAHD ASKED RIFAI NOT TO COME TO SAUDI ARABIA FEB 1 SINCE HE WAS SENDING FINANCE MINISTER TO JORDAN. RIFAI REPLIED HE DOES NOT WANT TO DISCUSS MONEY AND STILL WANTS TO VISIT

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FAHD. RIFAI IS AWAITING AN ANSWER.

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